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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 1999, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. The date for response to this Office Action has been extended by the petition for a three-month extension of time filed herewith.